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*Student senate has last meeting before elections*

## ASUN issue held for new senators' input

By Tim Rohwer

UNO's student senate proposed a special meeting with the student senates of two other schools in the University of Nebraska system.

The meeting, tentatively set for Nov. 26, would involve the student senates from UNO, the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). The meeting would be held in the Student Union at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).

The meeting would not only provide a general discussion of issues concerning the universities, but also provide a symbolic gesture.

"It's an excellent subtle message to Lincoln," said Mark Vanevenhoven, director of the Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR), who presented the proposal at last Thursday's senate meeting.

"It's a show of unity among the three schools," Senate Speaker Andria Palmesano said.

Vanevenhoven's proposal stipulated no formal invitation

be extended to the UNL Student Senate, although he said UNL senate members could attend if they wanted to.

The proposal was tabled until the next senate meeting Nov. 7, the first meeting following the student senate elections. The senators tabled the UNL meeting so new senate members can offer their input to the proposal.

During the meeting, senators expressed concern about what they perceive to be a lack of respect from the UNL senate.

At issue is a recent UNO proposal to join the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN), the official name of UNL's senate.

"We want membership in that organization," Palmesano said. "If not, then we'll lobby for a name change. We'll lobby to make the name the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln."

In other matters:

The senate appointed Sen. Matt Schultz Chief Administrative Officer of Student Government. His responsibilities will include appointing students to various government com-

mittees and courts. He will also have a non-voting seat on the senate.

The senate voted in favor of sending Vanevenhoven to attend the National Conference of Student Services in Orlando, Fla. The cost for attending the conference, including airfare, hotel lodging and registration, is \$793.

The conference will discuss such issues as the changing role of community colleges in the United States, campus security information, how to effectively deal with student apathy and more effective parking policies.

"We're talking student money here. We're talking about students who had a tuition raise, and we're sending a guy to Florida," Student President/Regent Chuck Valgora said.

"If we spend \$700 now for good parking next year, it's worth it," said Sen. Stephen Srb.

"Do you think \$700 will give us better parking" Valgora asked.

Schultz responded to Valgora saying, "I looked at this. It's a tremendous conference. I think it offers information we can use."

*More than 700 participate*

## Sleepout opens eyes



—Eric Francis

UNO students are among those who got closer to nature at the Great Plains Winter Sleepout last Friday night.

By Greg Kozol

UNO student Jim Schalley still doesn't know how it feels to be homeless. Neither do the other 700-plus people who slept in Central Park Mall on Friday night in an effort to raise awareness of the homeless.

"What I keep remembering is we can go home in the morning," Schalley said, wrapped in a sleeping bag early Saturday morning. "So we don't really know what it's like. But it's an eye-opener."

Schalley and other participants in the Great Plains Winter Sleepout agreed they learned a valuable lesson by spending the night outdoors

on a cold, fall evening.

"Whenever we see the homeless, we'll be able to empathize," said Lisa Raasch, another UNO student at the sleepout.

The event did more than raise awareness and empathy. One organizer said the sleepout helped dash the notion that homelessness is too large of a problem to combat.

"It brought together a cross section of the community," said Kathy O'Connor, Alliance of Family Shelter executive director. "It helped energize people and encourage them that the problem of homelessness is one we can involve ourselves in."

About \$20,000 was raised late Friday and

See Homeless, page 9



—Melanie Williams

### Go ahead, make my day

UNO student president/regent candidate Dave Wiley drove his message home Friday on the south side of the Student Center. Wiley protested UNO's parking fines. As Campus Security Officer Jeff Hamilton wrote Wiley a \$10 ticket for parking in an unauthorized area, Wiley said, "I hope he does (write a ticket). I'm going to appeal it."

## Student Court proposes approval of all parking fine appeals

By Melanie S. Williams

Until further notice, all UNO parking tickets will be forgiven if appealed, according to a decision by the Student Court of UNO. Members of the Student Court voted 5-0 Friday to automatically grant all parking appeals without further review.

The ruling states "the unfair and overburdensome system of fines" at UNO as the reason for this action.

"We were appointed to take care of students' concerns, and this action is the first step," said Chief Justice Michael McKenna. Referring primarily to the \$20 fines for expired meters —

which can be issued hourly and then doubled after 14 days, if unpaid — McKenna said, "Parking on the grass at UNO will only get you a \$5 ticket."

"And what makes UNO's property so much more valuable than the city's?" McKenna asked, saying the city of Omaha only issues \$10 fines which do not double.

McKenna said many students who pay the \$35 for campus parking stickers have jobs and tight schedules which make riding the Ak-Sar-Ben shuttle bus difficult or impossible.

"It's great for people who can do it," Justice Joseph Benkis added. "But this is a commuter campus and the shuttle is not a

complete solution."

McKenna said the court's action should encourage a more constructive dialogue. "The only response by the administration up until now was to send us copies of the parking regulations handbook," he said. "We hope the administration wakes up and more students take an interest in what happens to them on campus."

McKenna said parking at the meters of the Student Center will be allowed, but "parking inside the Student Center will not. It is not the intention of the court to endorse reckless or criminal activity, so please use common sense."



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Thanks for the "stunt," Dave

Dear Editor:

I would like to congratulate Dave Wiley for raising the awareness about the disaster called UNO student parking. Students are well aware of the problem, but thanks to Dave, the *Gateway* and the TV news media, it has finally gotten some much needed attention.

Some people have said it was a "stunt," but if these are some of the well-planned, well-publicized "stunts" we can expect from Dave as President/Regent, he's got my vote.

Brenda Lewis  
UNO student

## Mary Reynolds is not Santa

Dear Editor:

The letter in the Oct. 18 *Gateway* by Chris Dyksterhuis both frustrates and disappoints me.

I admire his initiative and interest in learning more about the student senate by going into the Student Government office and glancing at the resolution log book. However, this effort falls very short of the responsibility for accuracy he undertook with his decision to disseminate his observations to the student body right before Student Government elections this week.

He questions President/Regent candidate Mary Reynolds' experience (a quality which he later suggests a candidate shouldn't

have anyway) for this position by stating that in the last two years (although she's been a senator for four years), she only authored eight resolutions, "five of which amounted to pats on the back..."

This information is not only misleading, it is false. The resolutions Ms. Reynolds has authored or co-authored are some of the most significant the senate has considered, including changing the current smoking policy, promoting multi-cultural awareness, expanding KBLZ broadcasting, and returning the availability of Student Government funds to student organizations.

The comment equating electing Ms. Reynolds to electing Santa Claus because of commendation resolutions is not only out in left field, I take offense to it. The tradition of commending campus organizations for outstanding achievement began long before Ms. Reynolds was a student here, and I find it a positive, supporting action.

Commendation resolutions are usually co-sponsored by multiple senators, never debated and approved unanimously. The more recent tradition of commending a Student Government officer for a job well done as their term ends resurfaced when I stepped down as Chief Administrative Officer of Student Government. These resolutions aren't mere fluff or insignificant, they are a gesture of appreciation for years of hard work and dedication from the representatives of the student body. For me, that resolution is one of my most cherished memories of UNO, and I remain grateful.

In Mr. Dyksterhuis' opinion, while this matter is a legislative travesty, the greater crime is the lack of resolutions by a candidate

claiming experience. Apparently, he prefers a legislative body flooded with inane, impossible and wasteful resolutions over legislative attention to substance, quality and content.

Perhaps if Mr. Dyksterhuis would have moved his hand one book over to the left as he examined the resolution log book he could have found the senate minutes book. There, he could have discovered who are actually the active players. Because of the committee structure of the senate, an extremely active and committed senator may not author a resolution.

Does that make them any less of a representative? Mr. Dyksterhuis' flawed argument would say "yes" — or perhaps draw some ridiculous correlation to the Great Pumpkin.

Finally, contrary to his premise that experience isn't necessary for this position, I offer a plea to UNO students: Experience is vital if we want to forward the interests of this university and

See Letters, page 9

## Correction

In the Oct. 18 issue of the *Gateway*, the front page photo caption mistakenly identified the individual on the left as April Whitten. The woman is Judy Thon of the Omaha Postal Service.

The *Gateway* staff regrets the error.

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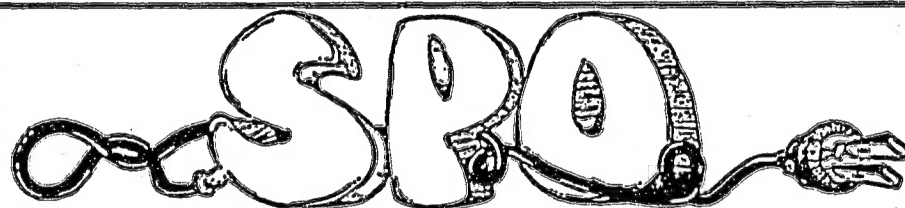
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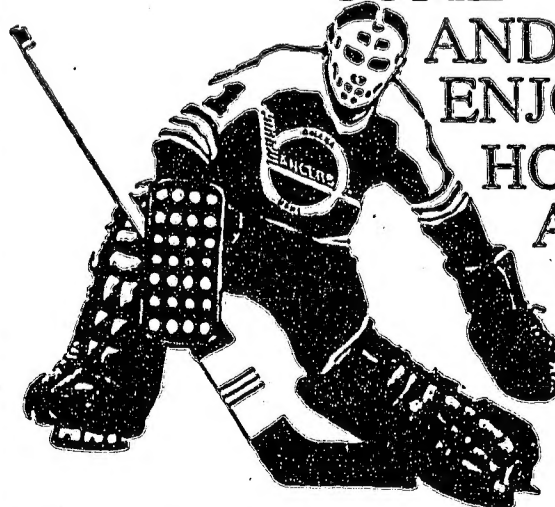
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## Don't worry, go shopping

Conserva-tyrants?

Yes, Rich Rezek, yes! Let's use that term until it finally arrives on Rush Limbaugh's doorstep! Have you thought about sending Friday's Another View to him? According to Rush, forget understanding; his opinion is the only one that counts. Eight million people a week listen to him, not even close to the 10 or 20 who read my column.

And while I'm at it, Becky White Moerl, (Letters to the Editor in the Oct. 18 Gateway), saying "yes" to sex and saying "yes" to sexual harassment are two different answers. Someday the world will obtain a greater understanding that sex isn't a disgraceful act to be cheapened, but an experience to be enjoyed and respected. Then it is responsible, safer and relationship-committed.

When that happens, we would have a lot of satisfied men who don't take their frustrations out on the women in the office, or on the wife and kids, or overindulge in alcohol.

To the rest of you who define me as a man-hater: Because a person feels compelled to speak up for the rights of women does not mean this person hates men. Webster's New World Dictionary, 2nd College Edition, defines feminism as: "a) the principle that women should have political, economic and social

## ON THE 8TH DAY WITH TARA MILLER

rights equal to those of men b) the movement to win such rights for women."

The definition does not mean that feminists dance around campfires and pray to a pagan idol for the world-wide extinction of men. If you truly believe men and women should be equal, welcome to the world of feminism.

But I digress. I can't please everyone. I broke my own policy by addressing my disgruntled readers instead of concentrating only on the most important issues.

What I really wanted to tell everyone is what a good little consumer I am. Who cares if we are good sex partners? What's really important to the world is if we're good consumers.

How can I survive in this sarcastic world if my jeans aren't the latest fashion statement? What will people say if my handbag doesn't match my shoes? My reputation would be ruined.

After all, who really cares about some tiny group of nine people who are so far away from Omaha, our own special Garden of Eden? I can't worry about who's running for UNO student senate much less worry about who's on the U.S. Supreme Court. For pity's sake, Omaha has a new mall. If Washington, D.C., doesn't have a new mall, I don't want to hear about it.

Last Tuesday, at 5:15 p.m., I went to the mall. Where else do you find all the women of America when they are once again set in the corner? When the going gets tough, the tough go ... shopping!

The mall — what a delightful, exciting place to be. To try on dresses and sweaters in the new fall colors makes a heart go pitter-patter. Just the sound of the word mall gives me goose bumps.

The choices are scrumptious! I can buy earrings that match the colors of my outfit perfectly. Amazing. The United States can put a man on the moon and then turn around and match the color painted on metal to a color dyed into fabric. However, we can't seem to research birth control for men.

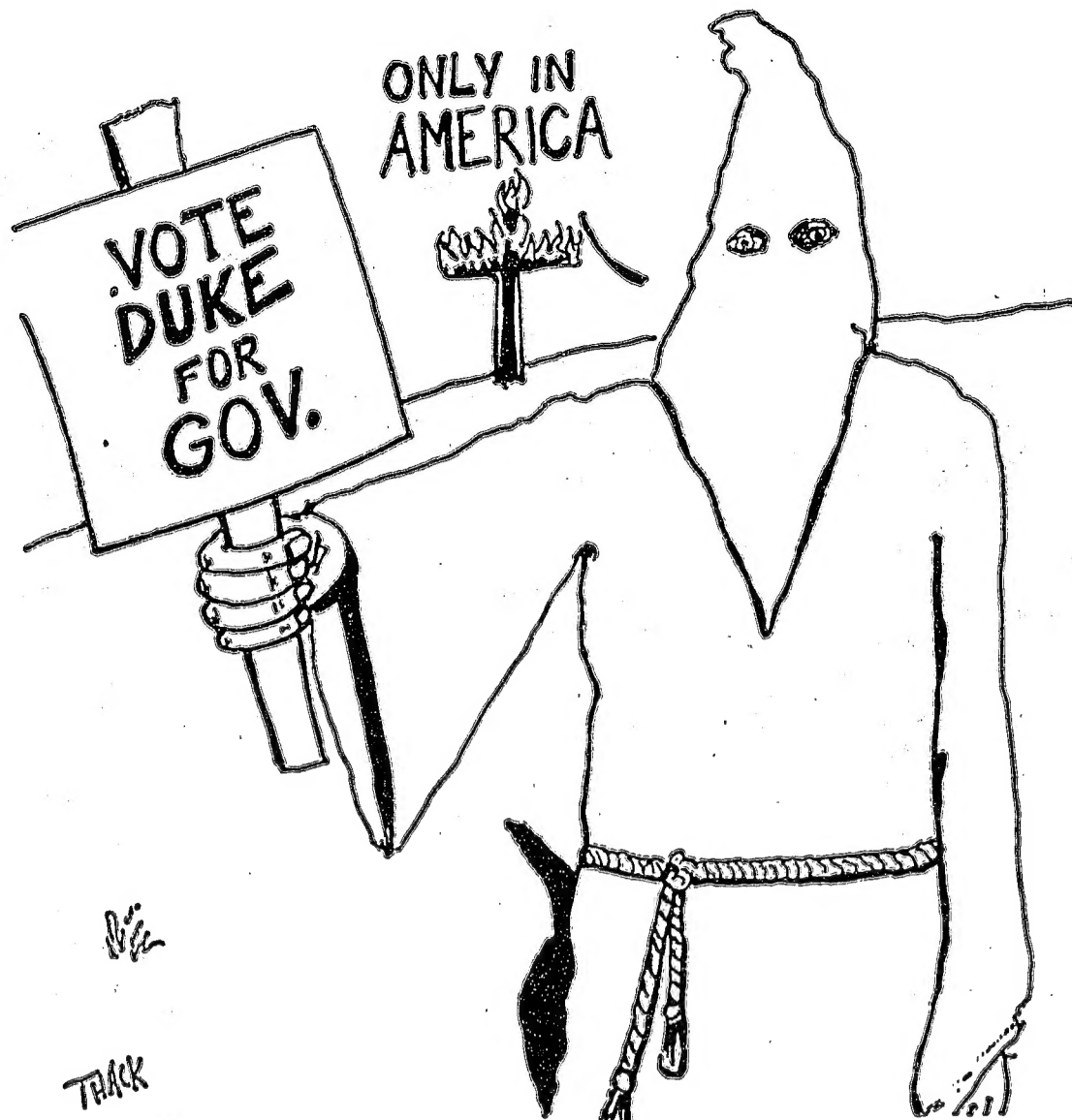
Hair is the real social issue, not clothing. Lots of hair with bottles of mousse, gel and hair spray poured on when wet and styled in the usual latest MTV statement. The more goo the better. To be a good little consumer, one needs to try a new brand every week.

The same goes for make-up. It's utterly unforgivable if a woman doesn't have at least 15 shades of eye shadow to pick from each morning. She needs lipstick, eye-liner, blush and foundation, depending on her tan, but most of all, nail polish. It's ghastly when a woman's nail color doesn't match her lipstick.

The mall was too much for me. I told every salesperson that I was "just looking" and left the mall without purchasing a thing.

Instead, at the pet store, I spent \$2.99 for another batch of sponge balls for Chanel, my cat. I was tempted to buy her the new and improved catnip mouse or the metal balls with little bells in them. I decided to go with the sponge balls. Chanel tends to drag all her toys onto the bed in the middle of the night, and sponge balls won't hurt or wake me up when I roll over on them or they are dropped on me. I'm not sure what catnip does to humans if it is accidentally inhaled for several hours.

Chanel was so excited. As long as I have my fingernails painted, and I can make my cat's day, the rest of the world should stop worrying and just go shopping, too.



## Student Court absolves fines

As the student senate elections approach, UNO's parking situation has gone from being a campaign issue to being a war.

Now the Student Court of UNO has added ammunition to the students' side. The court voted unanimously to "automatically grant all parking appeals without further review." (See story, Page 1.)

In other words, if a student appeals a ticket, their money stays in their pocket.

The only requisite is the fine must be appealed following the official appeals process.

(Insert enthusiastic applause here.)

With the ridiculous fines Campus Security imposes and the even more ridiculous fact that the fines double after 14 days, the Gateway commends the Student Court for finally being something other than a rubber stamp.

We suggest the automatic appeals remain in effect until the fines are brought to a more reasonable level or a better solution to the parking crisis is developed.

How can Campus Security sell more permits than stalls and expect parking to be of trivial concern to students? That attitude is like trying to park a semi-truck in a one-car garage.

OK, math majors: UNO has 2,933 student parking stalls on campus. With an enrollment of more than 16,000 students, what is the probability that more than 2,933 students will be on campus at the same time at any given point during the day?

Now that your calculators have gone into overload, figure up the monetary difference between a UNO ticket and a city of Omaha ticket.

Now do you see why students park in Elmwood Park rather than buying a parking permit?

Lastly, we urge university administration to not take any steps to remove the power from the UNO Student Court. To do so would undermine everything Student Government was put into effect for — to serve the students, not the administration.

Should university administration find a way around the automatic appeals, it further proves the student voice at UNO doesn't matter to administration.

If that is the case, the Gateway encourages students to look for another university — one that listens to student concerns and provides solutions using methods other than an iron fist.

## STAFF EDITORIAL SENATE ELECTIONS

## Experience gives awareness

A few nights ago, a friend of mine was so drunk that he didn't know what he was doing. Nerve impulses were still flashing around his body, but the conscious part of his brain had clocked out about a six-pack earlier. He reminded me of my father. My father did that a lot.

Wouldn't you think since a quarter of a century has passed I could somehow distance myself from the memory of my father? But I still recall the wretched stench of his breath after he'd smoked a pack of cigarettes and drank more than a dozen bottles of beer. I still recall his greasy, ape-like fist slamming into my nine-year-old face and the room flipping back and forth as he held me with one hand and pounded me with the other and somehow held a cigarette, too. I suppose, really, he only hit me five or six times, but it seemed to go on all night while my mother screamed and pulled on his arm, trying to

shake me from his grasp. He dropped his cigarette, and I slipped free when he bent down to pick it up. I ran and locked myself in the bathroom, that privileged sanctuary of childhood, and I feel as if I've been locked in the bathroom for 25 years. My heart is racing; I'm trembling; I'm dripping with tears. For me, this is alcohol awareness.

really know what I can do to help him, but I will find out, and I will do it.

As for myself, well, it looks as if it's back to the couch. The suicidal depression that required approximately 100 weekly sessions to climb out of has returned full force, and it doesn't look as if I'll shake it off anytime soon.

But I will be all right. I have so much and so many to live for. I know that, and I will not forget.

**Disclaimer:** In 1979 I changed my surname to "Srb" in a gesture of disowning by father. I have no wish to impair the reputations of anyone with

the same surname, and feel obligated to make it clear that I am not related to them.

Stephen Srb is a freshman majoring in physics.

## ANOTHER VIEW ALCOHOL

My friend called today. This morning his roommate asked him what we had been arguing about the other night. He had no memory of it.

Here realizes he has been pouring his life down the drain 12 ounces at a time, and he wants to stop. He wants my help. I don't



# Student Government elections

## Freshman Class

There are two seats open. The following people are running:



**Mariah Arent**  
*Issues of most concern:* Parking, lack of student participation, unnecessary violence on campus  
*Qualifications:* "I am an outgoing person. I like to help out other people. I like to work with people also. I was on student government

for three years in high school and my last year I was the president."

**Tabitha Demarest**  
*Issues of most concern:* Budget cuts, multi-cultural representation, women's voice on campus  
*Qualifications:* "Experience qualifies me for office. In high school, I was actively involved in many organizations, among them student government, National Honor Society and Junior Achievement. I have strong verbal and communicative skills and carry a positive and professional attitude and image. I was also president of my senior class."



## D.R. Dowdy

*Issues of most concern:* Parking, open forum between faculty and students, upgrading of social atmosphere at UNO  
*Qualifications:* "I've always had a strong interest in politics. I'm a good listener and thinker, and I'm quick to act on people's problems. I'm well organized, I'm concerned about things affecting student and I want to be active in finding a positive solution."



ernment."

## Adam Kline

*Issues of most concern:* Budget cuts, housing, parking  
*Qualifications:* "I have always been concerned for the school I've attended. I've always been involved in academics as well as activities including scholastic pursuits. I was a two-year editor for a school newspaper, captain of varsity football team as well as a member of the letterman's club. I'm currently involved in my fraternity (Theta Chi) as pledge president."



## Erin Nissen

*Issues of most concern:* Parking, library hours, school spirit  
*Qualifications:* "I feel I'm qualified for student senate since I am a natural leader and very responsible. I am also a very creative thinker. Last March I

qualified for the national Distributive Educational Clubs of America competition, where I placed in the top 10 in the nation, out of 173 others. To place that high, I had to come up with many quick, creative and logical answers to role-play situations."

## Jonathon Witherspoon

*Issues of most concern:* Parking, balance in ethnic studies, enhancement of national recognition of UNO  
*Qualifications:* "Life experience. My choice to begin full-time college career after the age of 21 and previous world travel. My experience in starting and managing business projects, skills in communication and networking in the community of Omaha."



## Sophomore Class

There are two seats open. The following people are running:



**James Askew**  
*Issues of most concern:* Cooperation and consistence of Greek system, representation of all clubs and organizations in Student Government, how student fees are spent  
*Qualifications:* "Overwhelming desire to change the world, starting right here at UNO. Impeccable hearing, I am able to hear the smallest peep from an angry student."

## Nicholas Curto

*Issues of most concern:* Parking, rising tuition costs, quality of instruction  
*Qualifications:* "I am a student who wishes to make a difference. In my major, I am focusing on debate and history. I have a lot of experience in public speaking and have a desire to use it to help the students."



## Anna Edwards

*Issues of most concern:* watering the lawns on campus, promotion of student services, promotion of availability of funds  
*Qualifications:* "I have new ideas and a fresh perspective of UNO. I have many opinions and am not afraid of expressing them."



## Connie Meade

*Issues of most concern:* Parking, non-traditional student needs, student involvement  
*Qualifications:* "While in the military, I was on a variety of advisory councils. Of those, the most important one was the Base Advisory Council. It

was my responsibility to get input from about 300 people in my organizations and report to the commander. I enjoy meeting new people, and I'm not afraid to get out there and find out what is on people's minds."

## Jim Navin

*Issues of most concern:* Parking, resources available at UNO, Student Programming Organization  
*Qualifications:* "I have held four different chairs during my three semesters with Pi Kappa Alpha, giving me the necessary leadership skills. I coach 13-year-old kids baseball at Grover Little League during the summer, which should also show my leadership and organization. I will attend every meeting and contribute all I possibly can."

## Junior Class

There are two seats open. The following people are running:

## Angela Eikenberry

*Issues of most concern:* Ecology on campus, international affairs, equality for women and mi-

## norities

*Qualifications:* "I have served as a student senator representing the College of Arts and Sciences for the past four months. I have also held many leadership positions in my last 2 1/2 years at UNO. I want to represent the students."

## Jasop Hayes

*Issues of most concern:* Cost of education, reduction of student services, parking  
*Qualifications:* "I feel that I am in touch with the needs and concerns of the UNO student population. I am uniquely qualified to handle the responsibilities of this position based on previously held executive positions in other organizations. I always try to extend extra effort towards the tasks and goals I set forth to accomplish."



## Christi Neal

*Issues of most concern:* Parking, student participation, poor representation of Greeks  
*Qualifications:* "I currently am carrying a cumulative grade point average of 3.3. Also, I am taking a variety of political science classes, and I may minor in this area. This is



my third year as a member of Chi Omega (sorority) and I am currently on its executive board as rush chairman. By way of this office I have obtained numerous leadership and people skills."

## Senior Class

There are two seats open. The following people are running:

**Timothy Michael Chavez**  
*Issues of most concern:* Student apathy, rising cost of education, parking  
*Qualifications:* "Willingness to get involved and past experience in organizations. I have often been labeled a student activist."



## Maricle McGowan

*Issues of most concern:* Rising cost of education, parking, communication between students and student senate  
*Qualifications:* "Experience. I was elected last year, and I have been here for many years, and I know what we need in the future."



## Robert Ward

*Issues of most concern:* Budget cuts, tuition increases, parking  
*Qualifications:* "Just being a concerned student who wants to help in the betterment of campus life qualifies me for the student senate."

## Graduate Class

There are two seats open. The following person is running:

## Sean Gillogly

No information available.

## College of Arts and Sciences

There are four seats open. The following people are running:



## Shaun Behrens

*Issues of most concern:* Image of UNO, television room in Student Center away from cigarette smoke, extending library hours  
*Qualifications:* "As a senator I will be able to relate to the students I represent, something that I see as

an asset. While attending high school, I was student government president and West Omaha Rotary Club Outstanding Citizen in 1987. I feel that I have ample leadership qualities and that it is time that I do something with them. I must plead apathy for not running sooner or getting involved with anything of value thus far in my college career. I'm glad to write that I'm back, and when elected we'll see if UNO can get the respect that it rightfully deserves."

## Bob Elie

*Issues of most concern:* Parking, dorms, availability of classes  
*Qualifications:* Junior Achievement President, Creighton Prep Student Government, Sigma Phi Epsilon: Assistant treasurer, brotherhood development chairman assistant, money maker, house manager



## Todd Graves

*Issues of most concern:* Parking, bureaucracy, involvement of KVNO with undergraduate broadcasting students  
*Qualifications:* "I'm one of the many students who comes to campus, can't find a parking space and goes home. When I am on campus, I pay through the nose for used books that cost the Bookstore \$3. I've endured the hell UNO is all about. I would like to help make UNO a kinder, gentler place for all of us apathetic students."

## Tim Hardisty

*Issues of most concern:* Parking, tuition, making sure students are listened to by administration  
*Qualifications:* "I have spent two years as a club officer at my former university and spent much of that time involved in interclub council issues involving campus improvements while trying to organize corporate sponsorship for our National Collegiate Champion Skydive team."

## Brian Nastase

*Issues of most concern:* Parking, student involvement, qualified professors  
*Qualifications:* "I have a 2.7 grade point average and am house manager for Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, and my concern for the future growth of this university."

## Mark Rablck

*Issues of most concern:* Funding for student services and agencies, student involvement, parking  
*Qualifications:* "I believe I am qualified for one out standing reason, — I am a student. What more of a qualification is needed to want to improve UNO? I have been involved in many organizations, both on- and off-campus and have a sincere desire to serve and represent the student body. I'm a hard worker and dedicated to using every means at my disposal to see that the student needs are met."



## Matt Schulz

Has withdrawn from the race since he was appointed as the new Chief Administrative Officer of Student Government last Thursday.



## John Sokolik

No information available.



# Tuesday and Wednesday

**Stephen Srb**  
*Issues of most concern:* Parking, continued excellence of UNO  
*Qualifications:* "I'm personable, bright and have the perspective of experience."



## College of Business Administration

There are four seats open. The following people are running:



**Matt Arnold**  
*Issues of most concern:* Dorms at UNO, parking, lack of organizational involvement  
*Qualifications:* "I have held several leadership positions inside Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity such as treasurer, assistant treasurer, historian, social chairman, academic chairman, formal chairman, Sgt. of arms and I have also held offices on the Inter-fraternity council such as president, treasurer and Greek-week chairman."

**Karl Dankof**  
*Issues of most concern:* Campus housing, campus and community environment, social interaction on campus  
*Qualifications:* I have served two terms for Student Government, chair of budget committee, active on student activities budget committee and decent grade point average."



**Christy Gibilisco**  
*Issues of concern:* Improved communication between students and Student Government, recycling program, improvement of awareness of services provided by UNO  
*Qualifications:* "I feel I am qualified for this office because I am a responsible and dependable person who likes to get things done. I would be an active member who would commit time and effort into the job."

**Edward Grant III**  
*Issues of most concern:* Student involvement, dorms, multi-cultural relations  
*Qualifications:* "I am currently working in the multi-cultural affairs and orientation office as assistant to the coordinator of the M.A.S.T.E.R. success program. I've also held offices in high school, including senior class president and president of Future Business Leaders of America."

**Mary Hoppe**  
*Issues of most concern:* Budgetary responsibility, equalization of the University of Nebraska system, parking fines  
*Qualifications:* "I am currently a senator for the college of Business Administration and chair of the budget committee. During the past term I have also been a member of the rules and oversight committees. As such, I am familiar with the workings of Student Government and can use this knowledge to accomplish things for the university."

**Mike Kennedy**  
*Issues of most concern:* Parking, dorms, social life  
*Qualifications:* "Services as vice president of College Republicans, and a sense of service I have to im-



prove UNO as a whole."

**Wade Lewis**  
*Issues of most concern:* Lack of school unity, small percentage of students who vote, student ignorance of what goes on internally at UNO  
*Qualifications:* "I have a concern for the student body and Student Government. I think what the UNO Student Government needs is people that truly care about the future of our university."

**Lynn Vickroy**  
*Issues of most concern:* Equality between UNO and UNL, parking, interests of constituents  
*Qualifications:* "I am currently a College of Business Administration senator on Student Government."

## College of Public Affairs and Community Service

There is one seat open. The following people are running:

**Creston Ashburn**  
*Issues of most concern:* Student housing, where student fees go, equality of UNO and UNL  
*Qualifications:* "I was appointed to the senate for the College of Public Affairs and Community Service in June 1991. I also sit on the fraternity executive committee."



**Timothy Janda**  
*Issues of most concern:* Parking, student housing, student safety  
*Qualifications:* "My political experience within my fraternity (Theta Chi), I am employed within my field of study and I have a desire to see student concerns dealt with promptly and effectively. Once students see Student Government working for them and making headway, perhaps more individuals will get involved in campus activities."

## College of Continuing Studies

There are two seats open. The following people are running:



**Ron Hyde**  
*Issues of most concern:* Political correctness  
*Qualifications:* Former speaker of the student senate.

**Ellen Osby**  
*Issues of most concern:* Parking, student services, use of student fees  
*Qualifications:* "My qualifications are: Past and present involvement in UNO activities and a known sensitivity to UNO student issues."

## College of Education

There are two seats open. The following people are running:

**Lisa Melniko Cook**  
*Issues of most concern:* UNO's image, meeting student needs when expanding Student Center, boost student involvement  
*Qualifications:* "I believe I can bring enthusiasm and fresh perspectives to UNO's decision-making body."



**Andria Palmesano**  
*Issues of most concern:* Equality between UNO and UNL, parking, free flow of ideas in Student government  
*Qualifications:* "I have served the College of Education as a representative on the student senate and I would like to continue to do so. I have served the student senate as speaker for the last three months and I believe this reflects well on the College of Education. Having this past Student Government experience and my familiarity with the concerns of education students makes me a very qualified candidate."



**Joseph Wherry I**  
*Issues of most concern:* Parking, communication between students and administration, budget cuts  
*Qualifications:* "My three years as a student in the College of Education, being in different positions as an officer in Pen and Sword, as well as president, and being on the parking committees till present keeping me abreast of the changes occurring continuously at UNO."

## College of Engineering

There are two seats open. The following people are running:

**Paul Crisman**  
No information available.

**Steve Meacham**  
*Issues of concern:* Longer library hours, Campus Security, new parking structure  
*Qualifications:* "I am very qualified because I have been a member of the senate this past year and have also held many other leadership positions in other organizations."

## College of Fine Arts

There is one seat open. There are no candidates.

## The College of Home Economics

There is one seat open. The following person is running:

**Kimberly Holmes**  
*Issues of most concern:* Budget cuts, increase in tuition, UNO's image  
*Qualifications:* "I am an outgoing, energetic person, who is willing to participate in the Student Government. I have been a member of the Student Advisory Board and represented UNO's College of Home Economics to the UNL's Home Economics College. I have also been actively involved in groups within my major."

## Graduate College

There are three seats open. The following person is running:

**Sean Gillogly**  
No information available.

## University Division

There are two seats open. The following people are running:

**Melissa Henderson**  
*Issues of most concern:* Parking, dorms, equality throughout the university system  
*Qualifications:* "I have an interest in how this university is run and I would like to be a part of it."

**Micheal Henderson**  
*Issues of most concern:* Parking, equality within the university system, student senate's use of their budget  
*Qualifications:* "I have held several positions in my high school senate, including president and secretary. I have held positions in several clubs and organizations."



**Jonann Gladson**  
is running a write-in campaign.

Students can vote on the referendums listed on page 7, candidates for student senate and student president/regent both Tuesday and Wednesday at the Octagon located in the lower level of the Student Center.

Preliminary results of the election will be printed in the Friday edition of the *Gateway*.

For the student president/regent race a candidate must have 50 percent of the vote plus one vote. If that is not achieved, the two candidates with the highest votes must participate in a run-off election.

For student senate seats, the candidates with the most votes wins the seat.

Student Government and the *Gateway* encourage you to vote.

## Editor's Note:

The *Gateway* is not endorsing any of the candidates for any of the races.

The responses to the questions for student senate candidates were taken from biography information submitted to the *Gateway*.

The *Gateway* staff made every effort possible to gather information from and photos of all student senate candidates.



# Student/President Regent Race

Mike Farquhar

College of Business Administration  
Senior  
UNO Organizations: Theta Chi Fraternity, Society for the Advancement of Management, Association of Collegiate Entrepreneurs

**Q. What are your reasons for running for the office?**

**A.** My reason for running for student president/regent is to represent the student body's valid concerns of how Student Government is run. I feel it is also important to cut through the bureaucracy of Student Government and for it to be more proactive rather than reactive. With my Student Government, student organizations and academic background, I am an enthusiastic and qualified candidate who will be dedicated to serving the needs of the students.

**Q. What are the five issues you feel are of concern at UNO?**

**A.** There are both short-term and long-term issues that are of concern to the student body. Of immediate concern are the building of bus shelters for the Ak-Sar-Ben shuttle bus service and better communication between the student body and Student Government.

Long-term issues include making sure student needs are satisfied with campus parking and campus housing as our university expands to the year 2000; having Campus Security play a more prominent role regarding the safety of our students rather than a ticket-writing machine; and increasing student participation and attendance at university athletic events.

**Q. What do you plan to do about the above issues if elected into office?**

**A.** Bus shelters: To work with the Student Activities Committee and finalize this plan and bring it before the senate for approval this term. Communication between the student body and Student Government: I believe Student Government should be more responsive in accomplishing issues brought forward by students and student organizations.

University expansion: The regent must go out and listen to the student input on actions that are going to affect them. This goes beyond the duty of sitting in my office and waiting for people to come in; I must go out and speak to the students on their turf.

Campus Security: It is vital for Campus Security to be trained and briefed on the importance of student safety issues and provide assistance to those who ask for it. Campus Security needs to see their role as officers goes beyond the handing out of thousands of tickets, and actually work for the safety of students.

University athletics: There must be more interaction between the student body and organizations to improve spirit in our athletic programs. This includes a better promotion of the athletic events occurring on campus as well as encouraging attendance at the events.

**Q. What qualifies you for the position?**

**A.** I have been involved in numerous student clubs, associations and activities and have held leadership positions within these organizations. I have a diversified background, including business experience, that will enable me to understand the needs of the student body at large and be able to interact with students easily.

**Q. If you are elected, how accessible do you plan to be to the students? How and why?**

**A.** It is vitally important to be highly accessible to all students whatever their concerns are. This means having an open-door policy, attending many university events and being involved outside of Student Government. It would be the student body who would elect me and, thus, I am here to serve them, not myself.

**Q. Students have heard campaign promises in the past; they have also seen nothing done about those promises. Do you believe you will be able to follow through on your promises? Why should students, who have heard these things before, trust in you?**



**A.** I set goals for myself that are attainable, and once those goals have been reached, new goals may be set. I have worked with this philosophy in the organizations I have been involved with and in business and have found it important to bite off only as much as you can chew. A good track record allows people to put trust in you. I have proved myself prior to this election and will continue to do so throughout my term.

**Q. Given the following scenario, what would you do? The student senate votes in favor of having you, as student president/regent, oppose an action the University of Nebraska Board of Regents is going to take. You agree with the regents. What do you do?**

**A.** The responsibility of the student president/regent is to serve the wishes of the student senate; however, it is also important to make the best possible decision for the student body at large, even if that does not agree with the decision of the student senate. It is up to me, with the information that I am given, to make the best possible decision for all students, and I will do just that.

**Q. Considering a student a student regent only has an opinion and not an actual vote on the Board of Regents, how do you plan to make UNO's concerns known to the board?**

**A.** I first must obtain the respect of the other members of the Board of Regents. Once that is obtained, I will keep the lines of communication open and notify them of the issues and concerns of the UNO students. I will play a vocal role at the monthly regent meetings and keep in written and telephone communication with members, as much as is warranted.

**Q. Do you have any comments to make about the other candidates? If so, what?**

**A.** This year we have four concerned students running for the position of student president/regent. While we all may differ on how the office should be used and the role the President/Regent should play, hopefully we all are looking out for the student body first and will pledge our best to serve them.

**Q. What else would you like the students to know about you and your campaign?**

**A.** I would like to reiterate my experience as a leader through various on- and off-campus activities. Students should be aware of my dedication to promote community concerns within the student body, such as the United Way campaign and increasing the number of scholarships and grants provided by local business to our university.

## Editor's note:

The Gateway is not endorsing any of the candidates for either student/president regent or student senate elections.

The responses to the questions for student/president regent were written by the candidates; the Gateway corrected grammar, punctuation and syntax.

Bobby R. Loud

College of Arts and Sciences  
Junior  
UNO organizations: Many

**Q. What are your reasons for running for office?**

**A.** The major reason that made me decide to run for this office was the fact that I have been involved in the Student Programming Organization (SPO), of which I am currently the director. Seeing a lack of leadership and organization and a communication breakdown over the past year in our Student Government process spurred my interest in becoming actively involved in Student Government. Furthermore, I believe the student representatives are not actually concerned with the student issues but their "personal agendas."

I believe since I have been involved and extremely vocal on our campus I would put student issues on the forefront where they belong.

**Q. What are the top five issues you feel are of concern at UNO?**

**A.** The top five concerns expressed to me by different individuals and organizations were parking, student retention/apathy, campus activities, non-traditional students; and cultural/university awareness.

**Q. What do you plan to do about the above issues if elected into office?**

**A.** In general, I most likely would not be able to solve each of these concerns; if I could I should be the chancellor of UNO. However, I can work on the student's behalf, and our university is responsible to us since we do pay tuition, which gives us a right to voice our concerns and expect a reaction.

**Q. What qualifies you for this position?**

**A.** I have been involved in a leadership position since I enrolled at UNO. I was the vice president of the African-American Organization, chairman of SPO's Issues and Ideas Committee, director of SPO, a mentor in the Masters Success Program, and a member of the Vice-Chancellor's Leadership Council.

**Q. If you are elected into office, how accessible do you plan to be to the student? How and why?**

**A.** I would try to attend some of their monthly meetings to see what is being discussed, which would make me aware of their concerns because I would be representing their concerns.

**Q. Students have heard campaign promises in the past; they have also seen nothing done about these promises. Do you believe you will be able to follow through on your promises? Why should students, who have heard these things before, trust in you?**

**A.** As I stated earlier, these are not promises but hopes that each "interested, involved" student should be trying to correct. What I will do is to add a more forceful backing to what has already been said and demand answers or recommendations from our administration and Board of Regents. Why trust me? Because I have a track record of being supportive and involved in student affairs.

**Q. Given the following scenario, what would you do? The student senate votes in favor of having you, as student president/regent, oppose an action the University of Nebraska Board of Regents is going to take. You agree with the regents. What do you do?**

**A.** Each senator represents a college and a majority of students in that college should have expressed an opinion to that senator. Therefore, if I represent the whole student body I must voice the student body's opinion and not my own.

**Q. Considering a student regent only has an opinion and not an actual vote on the Board of Regents, how do you plan to make UNO's concerns known to the board?**

**A.** Even though a student regent does not have a vote he does have the right to lobby and



sway the vote of the Board of Regents.

**Q. Do you have any comments to make about the other candidates? If so, what?**

**A.** I wish them the best of luck, and if they win "Do the right thing for UNO and its students."

**Q. What else would you like the students to know about you and your campaign?**

**A.** Do not vote for me just because you know me but because I have proven myself, and my issues are your concern. Let's get our campus back to a "university environment" right along with Kearney and Lincoln.

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dent/Regent, under the Student Government Constitution, first has a duty to represent the views of the entire student body, and second to the student senate, provided the action prescribed by the senate is not for their benefit alone, but for the student body.

Given the clarification of these two points, first I would explain my position to the student senate, since as President/Regent I might have more information than they have had access to. If the senate was still in opposition to the action of the regents, I would take the directive of the student senate and present their arguments to the Board of Regents.

It would certainly be a difficult decision to make, but I would present the opinion of the senate as long as it does not violate any of my campaign objectives and was truly found to be in the best interest of the student body.

**Q. Considering a student regent only has an opinion and not an actual vote on the Board of Regents, how do you plan to make UNO's concerns known to the board?**

**A.** As one of the most outspoken members of the student senate, I do not foresee a problem in translating my energy into expressing student opinion to the Board of Regents. I think my communication skills will enable me to convey clear messages from the students of UNO. I also believe there are members of the Board who are receptive to the needs of UNO, and I would seek these regents out and enlist their support to bring about positive changes at UNO.

**Q. Do you have any comments to make about the other candidates? If so, what?**

**A.** I do not have any comments to make about the other candidates. I believe that I am able to support my own campaign without attacking my worthy opponents.

**Q. What else would you like the students to know about you and your campaign?**

**A.** I think it is important for students to realize that I have more experience in Student Government than the others who are running combined. Experience in Student Government is not always a key to success as a President/Regent, but does contribute to the qualifications that a person has.

Another important point for voters to remember is that I am not making broad, sweeping campaign promises; I have plans already established to achieve these objectives and also know the proper procedures to follow to ensure successful completion of the goals I have outlined.

Finally, I do not represent any particular special interest or single-issue groups. I believe a successful President/Regent must be able to relate to all students equally.



# Student/President Regent Race

Mary Reynolds

College of Arts and Sciences/Education  
Senior  
UNO organizations: Student senate, Student Orientation Leader Organization, UNO Ambassador, UNO Mock Trial team

**Q. What are your reasons for running for office?**

**A.** I believe UNO is at a critical point in its growth and is in need of student leadership that is qualified and capable of helping the university meet its goals. As an experienced leader on campus, I know I will be able to represent the students' interests in the best possible way.

**Q. What are the top five issues you feel are of concern at UNO?**

**A.** There are many issues that face the students of UNO and also the university as a whole. First, I believe the administration must work with the students for a resolution of the parking situation. This is not a solution that can only be solved in the short term, but also plans must be laid for the long-term solutions.

I propose that additional land be acquired for the construction of an additional parking structure. Additionally, two solutions would be proposed for other relief in the parking. Incentives should be offered to students who utilize the Ak-Sar-Ben shuttle bus, and a comprehensive carpool program should be started with benefits to the participants.

Second, the issue of housing on campus will be one that will face the new President/Regent. As the only candidate who served as a member of the UNO Housing Committee, I believe I am the most informed candidate in this area. Acquisition of land at Ak-Sar-Ben will also be a major factor in the continued plans for student housing.

The third issue of concern for UNO students is the area of meeting the needs of a diverse student population at UNO. Programs and services should be more available to help students reach their academic potential and increase their success as individuals.

One example of the need for extended services is in the area of child care. With recent cuts in the amount of hours available, many students are unable to continue toward their educational goals without this service available. Of course, this is only one example of this issue, but many more areas need to be examined in order to meet the needs of diverse groups on campus and increase sensitivity to diversity.

A fourth issue of concern is the recent budget cuts that have occurred at UNO. The Nebraska state legislature must be made aware of the devastating effects these cuts bring to UNO. As a women's studies minor, I became very personally concerned that this program would be cut from the curriculum.

As President/Regent, this program would not be the only one of concern to me. Many other worthwhile programs have or will be eliminated unless UNO has student leadership that will stand up and make sure all curriculum areas are protected.

Finally, UNO's image in the community must continue to improve. I know several multi-cultural students have banded together to become involved in peer recruitment for UNO, but this program should be expanded to include more students who can reach more high schools.

UNO is one of Nebraska's best kept secrets, and this should not continue to be the case. Not only should high school students be made aware of what UNO has to offer, but in the Omaha community as a whole, awareness should be raised about what UNO contributes in the educational, cultural and social areas.

**Q. What do you plan to do about the above issues if elected into office?**

**A.** Since I have previously been involved in Student Government and other student activities, I have knowledge of who the proper contacts are on campus in order to get these goals achieved. I have experience in working with the administration at UNO, which will help to facilitate accomplishment of the above objectives.

I also plan to utilize the student contacts I already have and to form new contacts for groups with which I am not currently affiliated, and then work with these students to gather information about the views of many different students and to unite students for issues of concern.

**Q. What qualifies you for this position?**  
**A.** I have not only had four years of experience



in Student Government, but I am also involved in other student activities that have improved my leadership and communication skills, and my knowledge of the university. I have spent four years as a student senator, two of which I served as Speaker of the Senate, so I am very familiar with the proper procedures and current policies of Student Government.

Through my involvement with the office of Multi-Cultural Affairs/Orientation and the UNO Ambassadors program, I have become aware of the many services and programs UNO has to offer. With all of my experiences as a leader on campus, I believe I am more than qualified to serve the UNO student body.

**Q. If you are elected into office, how accessible do you plan to be to the student? How and why?**

**A.** From my previous involvement with Student Government, I have found when I am not in class or at work, I am usually in the office. My current obligations include 12 hours of coursework and approximately 20 hours at my job, which leaves much time to fulfill the obligations of the office of President/Regent.

I think it is very important that the person who is elected to this position maintain more than the required five office hours per week. The time this person has available is a very crucial factor when considering how effective and responsive he or she can be to the student body.

**Q. Students have heard campaign promises in the past; they have also seen nothing done about these promises. Do you believe you will be able to follow through on your promises? Why should students, who have heard these things before, trust in you?**

**A.** As an elected official, the President/Regent has an obligation to meet campaign promises. I believe I have goals that can be achieved if I am elected. Also, I think I am deserving of students' trust because I am the only candidate with a long enough track record in Student Government which can be examined with little criticism.

There are several organizations I have worked with in the past to help achieve their objectives. This includes supporting funding requests, helping in the writing of their constitutions and proposing legislation to assist the organizations in achieving their goals. If a student would ask these many groups who had helped them in these areas, I believe I would be among those listed who had followed through with their promises.

**Q. Given the following scenario, what would you do? The student senate votes in favor of having you, as student president/regent, oppose an action the University of Nebraska Board of Regents is going to take. You agree with the regents. What do you do?**

**A.** This question lacks factors which has forced me to draw some conclusions. First, the question does not state what the opinion of the student body is, so I will conclude that the student senate, as the most representative body on campus, is reflective of the general students' views.

Second, since the question does not state what action is to be taken, I have concluded the action is not one that directly impacts the student senate as a governmental body, but is one of general concern to the entire student body at UNO.

These omitted facts are important since the Presi-

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David Wiley

College of Education  
Senior

**Q. What are your reasons for running for office?**

**A.** I'm running because I'm a concerned student, and I think I can do a better job than past presidents or present candidates.

**Q. What are the top five issues you feel are of concern at UNO?**

**A.** Student representation, clubs and organizations, parking, creation of a student lobby and UNO state-wide recognition.

**Q. What do you plan to do about the above issues if elected into office?**

**A.** One of the most important qualities of a student leader is the willingness to listen to students and responsibly act upon their suggestions. But leading a student organization also means developing a full understanding of the problems and every possible solution. Student Government has little enough power without spending the majority of its time fighting amongst itself. Each one of these issues can be resolved if we all just work together. For the last two weeks while I've been running for President/Regent, I have heard a lot of suggestions on how to solve these problems. It's time the students work with the administration to get these and other issues prioritized and acted upon.

**Q. What qualifies you for this position?**

**A.** I don't consider myself a politician, only a concerned student. Since I've been at UNO, I've heard the same promises from every candidate that has run for this office. I sincerely believe it is time students elect a candidate that is willing to take the steps necessary to adequately represent the students.

**Q. If you are elected into office, how accessible do you plan to be to the student? How and why?**

**A.** A President/Regent has absolutely no effect on policy if he is not accessible to student views. It seems like the only time that students see the President/Regent is when he or she is running for the office. My goal is to involve students in Student Government. My campaign and my accessibility will not end on election day.

**Q. Students have heard campaign promises in the past; they have also seen nothing done about these promises. Do you believe you will be able to follow through on your promises? Why should students, who have heard these things before, trust in you?**

**A.** For the first time, students have a clear and distinct choice between action and apathy. The ability to follow through on promises and trust in elected officials should be major issues to UNO students. Too often in the past student leaders forgot who elected them. The reason



I'm running is to address problems that I care about and are not simply topics to discuss for the purpose of getting one elected.

**Q. Given the following scenario, what would you do? The student senate votes in favor of having you, as student president/regent, oppose an action the University of Nebraska Board of Regents is going to take. You agree with the regents. What do you do?**

**A.** The UNO Student Government system is made up of checks and balances between the President/Regent and the senate. If there is an issue I feel strongly about, I will vigorously present that position to the students and to the student senate. If the senate disagrees, I would seek a compromise. If the senate still disagrees with my position, I would veto the legislation. If the senate then overrides the veto, I would present the view of the senate to the Board of Regents as vigorously as I previously opposed that view.

**Q. Considering a student regent only has an opinion and not an actual vote on the Board of Regents, how do you plan to make UNO's concerns known to the board?**

**A.** I will strive to learn UNO student opinions by directly going to the students. As President/Regent, I would not hesitate to voice those opinions to the Board. The President/Regent represents 16,000 students at UNO, and their opinions deserve to be heard.

**Q. Do you have any comments to make about the other candidates? If so, what?**

**A.** I represent a new face in student government. I am not part of the past, however effective or ineffective it may have been. I simply believe that I can do the best job as President/Regent.

**Q. What else would you like the students to know about you and your campaign?**

**A.** I am running for President/Regent because I know I can do a great job. There are problems on this campus that need to be discussed and solved. I believe I am the best candidate to do just that.

## What will be on the ballot when you vote?

You will have the following instructions and referendums to vote on.

Write-in candidates: If you wish to write in a name, blacken the circle at the bottom of the column and write in the name to the right. "Referenda" is the only column that this rule does not apply.

### Referendum

Note: A vote for or against any of these questions will not necessarily raise or lower student fees.

1) Do you approve of the allocation by Student Government of a part of student fee income in support of the Gateway during the 1991-93 fiscal year? (\$1.67 per student)

2) Do you approve the allocation by Student Government of a part of student fee income in support of a campus speaker program during the 1991-93 fiscal year? (\$.27 per student)

3) Do you approve the allocation by Student Government of a part of student fee income for salaries for student government officers during the 1991-93 fiscal year? (\$.27 per student)

Note: This referendum is conducted in compliance with the Regental policy on Fund A Student Fees approved May 17, 1980.

Please indicate your vote on the computerized ballot.



# NEWS CLIPS

## New scholarships established at UNO

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Omaha has established three scholarship funds at the University of Nebraska Foundation, providing more than \$23,000 annually to UNO students.

The Scottish Rite Speech Pathology Scholarship will award \$1,800 annually to a full-time junior or senior speech pathology major.

James Erixon, secretary of the Scottish Rite Foundation. "Helping the youth of America assures the stability of all our futures."

The goal of the Scottish Rite Foundation is the guarantee of equal rights and opportunity to all people, through charitable programs that seek to accomplish this objective.

## 'Frightnight' comes to UNO planetarium

UNO's Mallory Kountze Planetarium will sponsor a special laser light show for Halloween.

"Laser Magic: Frightnight" will be presented Oct. 25, 26 and 31 at 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. People attending are encouraged to wear costumes. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens, students and children.

## Application deadline extended to Oct. 25

Applications for membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, a UNO honor society, have been extended until Oct. 25.

Any junior, senior or graduate student with a grade point average of 3.0 or above can apply. Applications are available in Room 211 in the Epley Administration Building.

## University looks at ticket distribution

(CPS) — Reports that the University of Tennessee has tightened its football ticket distribution system has one university official up in arms.

"Basically, we're happy with the system," said Walter Lambert, vice president for legislative affairs. "This whole thing has been blown out of proportion. We found one peculiarity and we've already fixed it."

Lambert has said that the school system needed to keep better tabs on who was receiving and declining free tickets. Lambert said the university found the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) was receiving preferential treatment in the way its tickets were distributed.

Rather than having to request tickets in advance and pick them up game by game, THEC members have had season tickets mailed to them at the start of the year.

The University of Tennessee gives about 230 "dignitaries" — lawmakers, university employees and THEC members — free tickets in every year.

## Florida professor develops AIDS test

(CPS) — A University of Florida professor has developed a quick and simple AIDS test that will be sold over the counter to people outside the United States within a year.

The "dipstick" saliva test, developed by Roger Clemmons, a professor in the school's College of Veterinary Medicine, also is effective in detecting hepatitis and soon may detect other sexually transmitted diseases. The test takes eight minutes to detect HIV and will cost \$5 per test.

FuturoTech, a spinoff company, has established foreign manufacturing of the test and will market it outside the United States in early March.

The test will be available in the United States after it's approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in about 18 months. Because of FDA rules, however, it will be offered only through health-care professionals, not in stores.

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# MORE LETTERS

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its student population in this crucial year. While fresh perspectives are important for the senate, this office isn't the place to begin to get experience.

Because someone has held office doesn't mean that person wants to maintain the status quo—it means she has proven her commitment to serving UNO students, been working on developing and implementing very feasible solutions to the problems facing us, and is the representative to send on our behalf to the Board of Regents.

I urge students to ignore Mr. Dyksterhuis' errors of judgment and fact, and join me this week in casting a ballot for Mary Reynolds.

*Teresa Houser*  
UNO Student

## Budget confusion no more

Dear Editor:

I am a new professor at UNO. I have read and listened to numerous accounts of budget difficulties, particularly the infamous 2 percent cut the legislature imposed upon us recently. I have also heard of the 9 percent tuition increase, the 6.5 percent increase in faculty salaries and the 4 percent increase in staff salaries.

But somehow all these numbers didn't make sense—they didn't balance out.

So I asked the chancellor's office to provide me with a copy of UNO's budget sheets so I could relieve my confused mind. I would now like to share the information I received with the

university at large.

The university gets support from four primary sources: state funds, tuition support, federal funds, and what is known as revolving funds, which includes moneys collected for specific services such as lab or library fees.

The total overall support from all sources for the 1991-92 school year is \$90.1 million. A 6.7 percent increase from the \$84.5 million received last year. Tuition support amounts to \$18 million, an increase of 9.2 percent. Total non-state aided funds amount to \$28.4 million, up 7.7 percent, and state appropriated support amounts to \$37 million, up 3.6 percent. Miscellaneous sources account for the balance of the \$90.1 million.

What about the 2 percent cut?

That came about because the legislature reduced the requested increase in our budget by \$677,748 so the increase was only 3.6 percent rather than 5.5 percent. Hence, a 2 percent (actually 1.9 percent) cut.

The overall budget still went up 6.7 percent. As a final note, it seems to me the university is doing quite well.

Its operating budget is growing faster than the rate of inflation and new programs are being added. If some established programs are being cut, it isn't from a lack of money but from a reallocation of resources.

Whether this reallocation is good or bad will not be considered here, but I will say I am happy the university sought to expand its materials science program since that is why I was hired.

If in the future my position is cut as a result of the judicious reallocation of some future resources, I will probably be saddened, though understanding, for that is the way of the world.

*Robert W. Smith*

UNO Asst. Professor of Physics

## Sleepout raises awareness

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early Saturday, a figure O'Connor called "very encouraging."

The sleepout, which Mayor Morgan participated in, began early Friday evening with live, musical entertainment and free food. By 1:30 a.m., most had fallen asleep, and hundreds of sleeping bags dotted the Central Park Mall landscape.

Still awake, however, were a group of 40 UNO students—including Schalley and Raasch—huddled near the east end of the mall. These students, passing the time sipping hot chocolate and telling ghost stories, said they were members of UNO's Alpha Xi Delta sorority and Sigma Phi Epsilon and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternities.

While admitting that the sleepout was more like "a co-ed slumber party" than an exact simulation of homelessness, those interviewed said they gained a new respect for the homeless. "It's not that they're lazy," Ron Tuma said. "They're victims."

O'Connor said the sleepout would not have been a success without the involvement of students. "I'd like to thank all of the UNO people who came out," she said. "At last check, there was a very large percentage of college students who signed in."

In the next few weeks, O'Connor said, it will be important to continue building on the awareness gained during the sleepout.

"It's easy to go to these things and walk away with all kinds of warm fuzzies," she said. "But you can't lose track of the specific work that needs to be done."



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# Research may help rattlesnakes

By Lori Sotronek

A young man in rumpled bib overalls, unshaven and tired from living in a tent for weeks on end, walks through the Sandhills of Nebraska. His eyes search the ground, as he cautiously steps between the holes and hills of a prairie dog town.

Other beings move amid the sand that always blows across that part of Nebraska, the same sand Andy Holycross treads warily through. Camouflaged by its brown and tan hide, the prairie rattlesnake moves through the prairie dog town it uses as a home.

Holycross, a UNO graduate student in biology, makes his careful journey through the sand not in fear of snakes, but out of respect.

"The thing I was most afraid of was inadvertently stepping on one. I think what's necessary with rattlesnakes is a healthy respect," he said. "To treat them as if they are vicious agents of death is wrong."

prey; activity patterns, including how far and how frequently they move; home range size; and differences between sexes and age groups in those areas. Holycross also studied mating habits, which led to a rare finding.

"I ended up seeing spring mating which is the first time anyone has recorded spring mating in this species," he said.

Part of Holycross' research involved surgically implanting radio transmitters in the gut cavity of rattlesnakes, and tracking their movements through the transmitted signals.

In the spring, Holycross captured 50 prairie rattlesnakes.

"Of those 50, 10 had radio transmitters put in their gut cavities," Holycross said. "Of those 10, I managed to track five all summer."

He attempted tracking the snakes everyday, and when he found one, he would record the location and observe behaviors and the surrounding conditions in which they were found. One

able to survive the next winter. They grow very quickly that first year compared to other years."

Birds of prey are the natural predators for the prairie rattlesnake, but Holycross said coyotes and badgers have also been known to kill the snakes.

Holycross emphasized his findings apply only to the prairie rattlesnakes living in the Sandhills. For example, he said, in other locations, baby snakes have not been observed eating between birth and their first hibernation.

Holycross said although he observed a spring mating, usually the prairie rattlesnake mates in the fall and late summer. The babies are then born in the fall. The prairie rattlesnakes are ovoviviparous, which means they have evolved from being an egg-laying species to a live-birth species.

The mother rattlesnake leaves the babies within a couple of hours after birth, Holycross said.

"Generally, parturition (birth) takes place near a hole or some other shelter. The young stay there about five days and then wander off to search for food," he said.

The prairie rattlesnakes go into hibernation in October and remain subterranean all winter, he said.

Holycross is interested in the prairie rattlesnake's diet. He said if a snake had recently eaten, a bulge would show in the snake's midsection. Holycross would then push the food up and move it out the snake's mouth, he said. After recording the nature of the food, he would then move the food back down into the snake's digestive system and release the snake.

"What I expect to find is that the largest part of their diet is kangaroo rats, which are common in the Sandhills," he said.

Although the prairie dog is not a major part of the prairie rattlesnake's diet, the snakes are dependent on the animals for their existence.

"Where there aren't prairie dog towns, there aren't rattlesnakes," Holycross said. "Some farmers want to eradicate prairie dogs from their land. The snakes can't survive in the Sandhills without prairie dogs."

He said this only applies in the Sandhills. In other parts of the western United States, the snakes can live in rocky areas, he said.

Another aspect of life in the Sandhills for the prairie rattlesnake is the traditional snake hunts western Nebraskans participate in.

"It's a tradition for these people to go out and kill rattlesnakes and just keep the rattle," Holycross said. "I don't have a problem with hunting, per se."

I myself hunt. My objection is to the wholesale slaughter of hundreds of animals."

Some hunters kill over 100 snakes on their own, Holycross said.

"One man can wipe out a rattlesnake population, or halve it, in one day," he said.

"I'd like to see them listed as a game species," he said. This would include licensing of hunters and a limit as to how many snakes one hunter can kill, he said.

Holycross said he hopes his research can lead to a better understanding of rattlesnakes, as well as the need for their preservation.

"I think rattlesnakes are beneficial members of their ecosystem. Without rattlesnakes, you're removing an important predator, and it will have an effect on their prey," he said.

"They're not a pest species, and they're not dangerous if you know how to behave," he said.

"I think that both the disposition of rattlesnakes and the effect of a rattlesnake bite are vastly overrated or exaggerated. They don't seek out humans to bite them. The first defense of rattlesnakes is to lie completely still. You're a predator and they know disturbing you makes it more possible they will die."

"You really have to aggravate them," Holycross said. If threatened, the prairie rattlesnake will raise up the front of its body and rattle its tail, he said. "From that position, they can strike. They don't bite, they actually thrust the fangs into the flesh."

Holycross said if someone were to be bitten by a rattlesnake, the best action is to get to a hospital immediately. "If a healthy adult is bitten by a rattlesnake and gets to a hospital promptly, there probably will be no permanent problems," he said. "Even without anti-venom, chances of death are minimal."

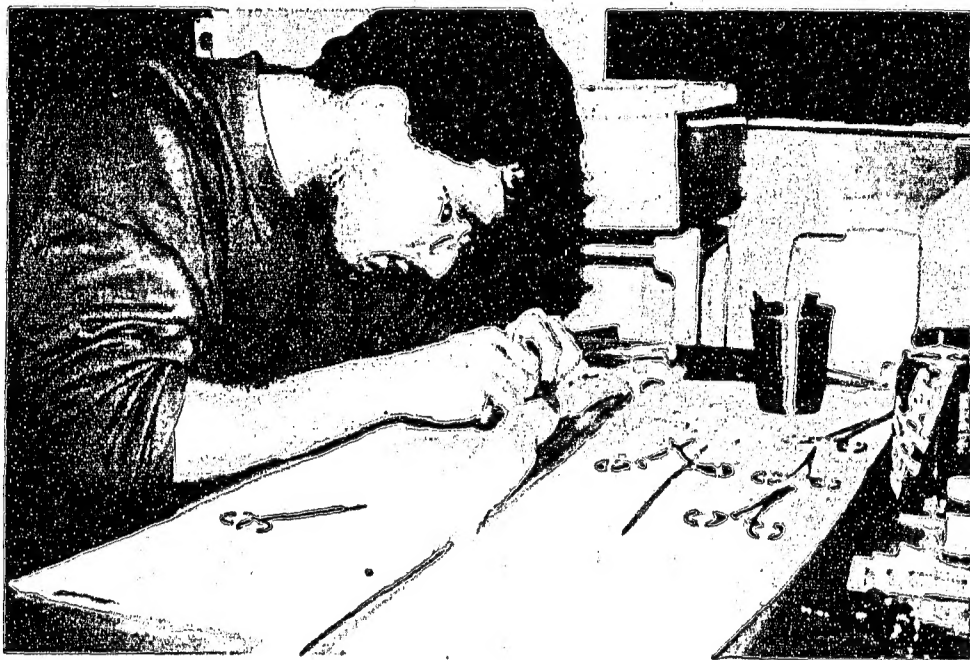
"More people die from bee stings than rattlesnake bites," he said.

Unfortunately, Holycross speaks from experience. A snake bit his finger while he studied it in the lab at his campsite.

Holycross got to a hospital within an hour and was released 24 hours later. He said he felt no pain, just a numbness similar to the feeling of Novocain.

Holycross, who received his bachelor of sciences degree in biology from UNO, plans to graduate with his master's in May 1992.

"I plan to get a Ph.D. in Zoology and eventually I'd like to teach college and design and conduct original research," he said.



—Andy Holycross

Andy Holycross surgically implants a radio transmitter in a prairie rattlesnake.

Holycross, working on his master's thesis in behavioral ecology, camped out near the prairie dog town from May through September to study the prairie rattlesnake up close.

"I'm especially interested in mating systems and how differences in resource availability in the environment shape mating systems," he said. Originally, he had intended to test some hypotheses concerning prey distribution on activity patterns of snakes. A broken leg interrupted that part of his research.

"What I ended up doing is a natural history or autecology of the prairie rattlesnake," he said. His research included elements such as types of

snake he was able to track demonstrated the snakes' growth patterns.

"A baby born last fall was caught this spring when it was coming out of hibernation and it weighed 21 grams. They normally weigh about 12 grams at birth (which occurs in early to late September)," he said. When he caught the same snake this fall, it weighed 226 grams and measured 71 centimeters in length, compared to a length of 32 centimeters in spring, he said.

"They must just eat like mad," Holycross said. "During their younger years they gain a lot of weight. The first year is a crucial year because they're vulnerable to predators and need to be

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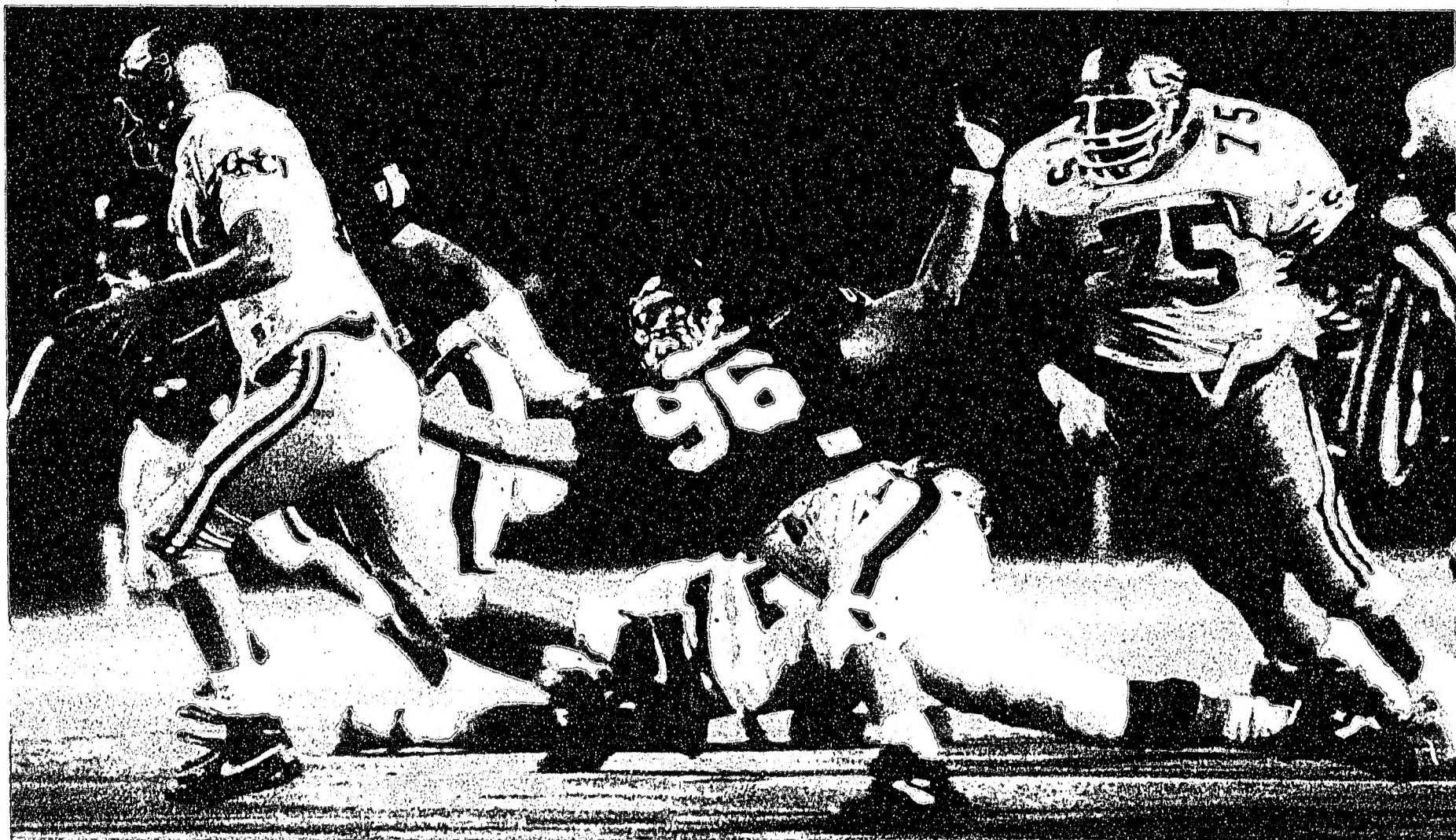
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# SPORTS

## Underdog Mavericks topple third-ranked Northern Colorado Bears



Defensive tackle Paul Storbeck (#96) attempts to give a Northern Colorado player a bear hug.

—Eric Francis

By Lance Braun

Statistically, UNO appeared to be the underdog going into last Saturday night's contest with Northern Colorado. The Bears were undefeated and ranked third in Division II. The Mavericks were 3-3 and on a two-game skid.

Someone forgot to tell the Mavericks they were the underdogs.

The UNO football team, dominating the Bears in every phase of the game, pulled off one of the biggest upsets in Division II this season by defeating Northern Colorado 13-7 in front of 2,100 fans at Caniglia Field.

"Our kids felt we matched up well with Northern Colorado," said Maverick Head Coach Tom Mueller.

"We didn't do any hitting in practice to be sure that we were healthy for the game. Our offense worked on getting off the ball faster, and they did that during the game," he said.

"We went out with the attitude that we had nothing to lose," said Mav quarterback Paul Cech. "We knew that we were still a good football team, and if we played with some enthusiasm, we could beat them."

UNO opened the scoring late in the first quarter when Cech, returning just two weeks after separating his shoulder against South Dakota State, hit freshman wide receiver Shon Mitchell on a 45-yard strike down the right sideline for a touchdown. Place-kicker Brian Ruch booted in the extra point, and UNO led 7-0 with just under two minutes left in the first quarter.

Neither team could score in the second period, and the score remained 7-0 at halftime.

"We felt pretty good at halftime," Mueller said.

"Offensively, we made some mental mistakes in the first half that didn't allow us to score some points," he said.

"We wanted the kids not to worry so much about making mistakes, but to just keep playing hard."

"We felt pretty confident at halftime, and we kept the same game plan for the second half," Cech said. "Our offense was moving the ball, and the defense was playing well, so we didn't think we needed to make many changes."

UNO went to its power game in the third quarter.

The Mavericks, after recovering a Bear fumble, drove 36 yards in five plays as Abel Fernandez carried four consecutive times and scored from four yards out to give the Mavericks a 13-0 lead with nine minutes left in the third quarter.

The Bears got a big break early in the fourth quarter, and made the most of it.

Mav defensive back Rodney Bradley was called for running into the punter while trying to block a Northern Colorado punt. The penalty gave Northern Colorado the ball back at their own 42-yard line.

Two plays later, Bear quarterback V.J. Lechman hit split end Joel Horn on a 58-yard touchdown pass, cutting the Mavericks lead to 13-7 with more than twelve minutes left to go in the game.

"We didn't get worried when they scored because we knew Northern Colorado had a high-powered offense that was capable of scoring quickly," said Mueller. "We had to just concentrate on keeping the ball away from their offense. For the game, we ending up running 19 more plays on offense than they did."

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*We went out with the attitude that we had nothing to lose.*”

**Paul Cech, UNO quarterback**

"Even though they scored, we still felt we were in control," Cech said. "They still hadn't proven themselves because that one big play was all their offense had generated all night."

The Bears became their own worst enemy down the stretch, losing three turnovers in the last eight minutes of the game. Northern Colorado's John Rison fumbled a punt, and Mav defensive tackle Paul Storbeck recovered at the Bear 5-yard line.

The Mavericks came away empty, though. Three runs up the middle produced only three yards, and Ruch missed a 19-yard field goal.

With just under three minutes left, Lechman hit Bear wide receiver Danny Clay for a 26-yard gain, but Clay fumbled the ball and Mav defensive back Mark Mattingly recovered near

midfield to kill the drive.

The Bears got one more shot with less than a minute to go in the game, but a desperation pass by Lechman was intercepted by UNO's Rodney Bradley in the final seconds to preserve the win for the Mavericks.

"To play that well against that good of a team was definitely a big confidence booster," Cech said. "We really needed it to get back on the winning track."

"Anytime you have a bunch of individuals working as hard as these guys have, giving a good effort against good teams, you don't feel quite so bad if you lose," said Mueller. "But you can't go on forever with just giving a good effort. We felt all year that we've played well against good teams, but you've got to be able to beat those good teams, too, because people look at you and measure your success in terms of a win-loss record."

The offensive statistics showed the Mavs did more than just play well against the Bears.

UNO beat Northern Colorado in first downs (21-10), rushing yards (199-86), passing yards (161-154), and time of possession (33 minutes to 27 minutes).

The only statistic Northern Colorado beat the Mavericks in was turnovers (4-1).

While Mueller and Cech agreed the Mavs didn't need much motivation to get ready for Northern Colorado, several factors did help them prepare.

"Anytime you get to play a nationally-ranked team on your home field, it's exciting. That in itself is a motivational factor," said Mueller.

"Also, before the game, Roy Napora gave a good speech to the team about how they hadn't been playing as crazy as they had been early on, and he was right. That kind of woke the guys up," he said.

Napora, a senior running back from Papillion, suffered a season-ending knee injury in preseason play.

"The Gateway predictions about the game were another factor," said Cech. "Some of the guys were talking about it before the game, and we couldn't believe we were picked to get beat so bad."

Friday's edition of the Gateway, Turf Talk prognosticator Chad Crouch picked Northern Colorado to beat UNO by a score of 35-7, and Duelling Sages columnist Patrick Runge picked the Bears to beat the Mavericks 55-7.

The 4-3 Mavericks will try to keep the home fires burning this weekend as 2-5 Morningside visits Al Caniglia Field on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.



Mascots meant to be 'humorous caricatures'

# Nicknames could offend anyone

It's not just the Pittsburgh Pirates that are unhappy with the Atlanta Braves. Some Native American groups are, too.

At Game One of the World Series in Minnesota Saturday, about 300 people protested the presence of the Atlanta Braves. Specifically, they claimed the nickname Braves was a racist stereotype of Native Americans. To make their point, one of the signs read:

"New York Negroes;  
Miami Jews;  
San Diego Caucasians;  
Now you know how we feel!"

This movement is not a new one. For some time now, a number of Native American groups have been attempting to have teams with "Indian"-motif nicknames change them. These nicknames, claim the groups, perpetuate negative stereotypes about Native Americans.

They have a very good point. There are a number of teams whose nicknames could very well be interpreted as demeaning to Native Americans. Like the Washington Redskins. Or the St. John's Redmen.

It is not unheard of for teams to change their nicknames for such a reason. In the early '80s, one of the Eastern colleges (not St. John's) changed their name from the Redmen to the Minutemen after they were asked by Native American groups to change it. And, right here at home in the early '70s, UNO agreed to change their nickname from the Indians to the Mavericks out of respect for the

Native Americans.

I always knew UNO was ahead of its time. But, as with most discussions about racial issues, this is going beyond reasonable, rational thought. These Native American groups want to remove references to Native Americans in all team nicknames.

Not only would the Washington Redskins be on the block, but so would the Atlanta Braves, the Kansas City Chiefs, the Florida State Seminoles, and the North Dakota Fighting Sioux, among many others.

While I agree we all should be sensitive to the concerns of Native Americans (a wonderful, politically correct catch phrase), I don't think we should expunge the Native American from sports nicknames.

Nicknames are, by their nature, cartoonish and unrealistic. They are not intended to be, and should not be viewed as, a portrayal of a particular people or way of life. There are numerous examples of other groups that could protest being demeaned by team mascots, such as:

**Nordics:** Portrayed as invading savages by the Minnesota Vikings.

**Ranchers:** Portrayed as backwards, "Wild West" yokels by the Dallas Cowboys, the Oklahoma State Cowboys and many others.

**Farmers:** Portrayed as goofy-looking idiots by the Nebraska Cornhuskers and the Wichita State Wheat Shockers.

**Europeans:** Portrayed as primitive warriors by the New York-New Jersey Knights and the Virginia Cavaliers.

There are other examples, as well. The point is that mascots are designed to be humorous caricatures of the team nickname.

And, while care should certainly be taken to ensure the humor is in good

taste, the fact that it is supposed to be humorous should be remembered.

But a flap over a team named the Braves is uncalled for. The term "brave" is similar to the term "knight." It celebrates the strength and heroism of the Native American warrior by invoking its image in competition.

The situation is very analogous to the Vikings. I'm sure most people of Nordic descent aren't nuts about being linked to a band of pirates and ravagers.

But they do not infer people's opinion of Nordics are shaped by seeing the Viking

mascot.

The same is true of the Native Americans. Opinions won't be changed about a particular race by sitting in a stadium. Racism's roots run far too deep within the human soul.

The protestors have also complained about behavior at games, such as the Braves' war cry and the infamous tomahawk chop. Jane Fonda, wife of Braves' owner Ted Turner, has said she will stop performing the chop out of respect for the protestors' concern.

But, then again, it's pretty easy to convince her to follow the super-liberal line. Just ask the North Vietnamese.

Again, I believe this is not where the struggle should be focused.

With the disgraceful state of affairs on reservations around the country and the almost complete lack of education about Native American history in the schools, the time and energy would be better spent attacking the heart of the problem.

When that is done, the team names that are truly onerous, such as the Redskins, will be changed for the right reasons — not because of political pressure, but because people realize what they are saying.

And the team names that are not onerous, such as the Braves, the Chiefs and the Seminoles, will be accepted for what they are — a recognition and a celebration of the importance of the Native American in the history of the United States.

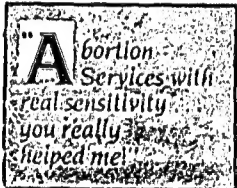
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